



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Global Youth Service Day

WHEREAS, Global Youth Service Day, a program of Youth Service America, is an annual campaign that celebrates and mobilizes millions of children and youth who improve their communities each day of the year through community service and service-learning and the State of Rhode Island depends on youth as vital community assets; and

WHEREAS, Global Youth Service Day is the largest service event in the world, the only day of service dedicated to youth engagement, and in 2011 is being observed for the 23rd consecutive year in all fifty states and for the 12th year globally in more than 100 countries; and

WHEREAS, thousands of students and schools and community-based organizations are planning Global Youth Service Day activities as part of a semester of service, an extended service-learning campaign launched on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service in which young people spend the semester addressing a meaningful community need connected to intentional learning goals and/or academic standards over the course of at least 70 hours; and

WHEREAS, high quality community service and service-learning programs increase young people's academic engagement and achievement, workforce readiness and 21st century skills, social, emotional, and behavioral skills and civic knowledge and engagement; and

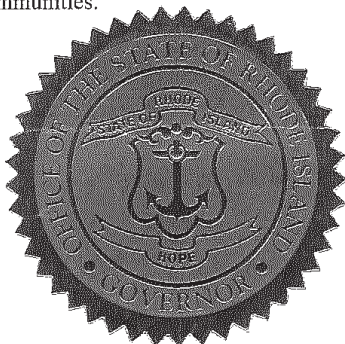
WHEREAS, community service and service-learning provide opportunities for young people to apply their knowledge, idealism, energy, creativity and unique perspectives to improve their communities by addressing a myriad of critical issues such as health, childhood obesity, education, illiteracy, poverty, hunger, environment, climate change, violence and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, Global Youth Service Day provides an opportunity for young children, teenagers and young adults to position themselves as assets and resources, active citizens and community leaders; and for schools, community organizations, faith-based organizations, government agencies, businesses and families to engage youth leaders and problem solvers; and


WHEREAS, the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act recognizes Global Youth Service Day as a national day of service and calls on the citizens of the United States to participate; and

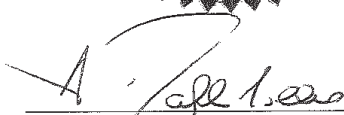
WHEREAS, Boys & Girls Club of Cumberland-Lincoln, Boys & Girls Club of Warwick and Ocean Community YMCA are mobilizing the citizens of Rhode Island to serve their communities on Global Youth Service Day; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island do hereby proclaim April 16, 2011, as **Global Youth Service Day** in Rhode Island and encourage all of its citizens to serve their communities.



Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 29th day of April, 2011


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor


A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State